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SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: GVNDEL DELAYS NEXT MEETING IN
PROTEST AGAINST COMMUNIST ATTACKS

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1. PHONG OF GVNDEL INFORMED US NOV 6 GVNDEL HAD JUST TOLD PRG THAT GVNDEL WAS WITHDRAWING ITS PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING NOV 8 (A PROPOSAL TO WHICH PRG HAD NOT YET RESPONDED). PRGDEL HAD BEEN TOLD ACTION WAS IN PROTEST OF SHELLING OF BIEN HOA THIS MORNING AND ATTACKS AGAINST BU BONG AND BU PRANG, WHICH WERE "VERY SERIOUS ACTS OF PROVOCATION," AND THAT IT WOULD BE USELESS TO MEET ON THE 8TH SO GVNDEL NOW PROPOSED MEETING ON NOV 16.

2. PHONG COMMENTED TO US THAT HIS DELEGATION WANTED TO PROTEST STRONGLY BUT NEVERTHELESS WENT AHEAD AND PROPOSED A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING SO THAT GVN COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF BREAKING OFF THE TALKS. FOR EXAMPLE, PHONG CONTINUED, THE GVN DID NOT WISH TO PROVIDE THE CHINESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE SUCH AN ALLEGATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY LATER THIS WEEK. (PHONG
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SAID THAT THE GVN ALWAYS TRIED TO BE MINDFUL OF DR.

KISSINGER'S NEGOTIATING PROBLEMS.)

3. PHONG NOTED GVNDEL PROPOSED MEETING ON FRIDAY RATHER
THAN TRADITIONAL THURSDAY AT REQUEST OF FRENCH TO
FACILITATE REPAIR WORK ON CHATEAU.
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